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State House, Second Floor Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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The Honorable Ray LaHood Secretary of Transportation U. S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

In keeping with the intent of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the request of President Obama to utilize these federal dollars quickly, I am pleased to report to you that Indiana will have all of its approximately \$460 million in state transportation highway funds obligated by May 31, 2009. The breakout of our planned activity to obligate these funds is as follows:

Obligation date	Total (estimated in millions)	Cumulative (estimated in million)
2/5/2009	\$31.61	\$31.61
2/18/2009	\$31.22	\$62.83
3/18/2009	\$55.50	\$118.32
4/15/2009	\$182.95	\$301.28
4/29/2009	\$48.76	\$350.03
5/20/2009	\$190.97	\$460.00

Additionally, the nearly \$200 million in ARRA funding for Indiana local road and bridge projects will also be put to use as quickly as possible with all of it obligated well before March 3, 2010 as required by the legislation. Hundreds of local projects are actively under review, and it is our intent that some of these projects will be ready for obligation in the next 60 days.

Please note that this comes on top of the record setting \$1.2 billion in state highway and bridge investment that was already planned and is well underway in Indiana for fiscal year 2009. Our state total transportation infrastructure investment for the year will be approximately \$2 billion, nearly doubling the largest annual investment in roads and bridges in Indiana's history.

Utilizing the estimates provided by the federal government for jobs created or saved, these transportation dollars will create or save 11,480 jobs. We hope that this is an example of the kind of fast and direct action that the President had in mind. We will supply you with further details and continued progress reports regarding Indiana's use of its ARRA transportation funds as available and required.

Respectfully,
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